## **WEST VIRGINIA CODE**

## CHAPTER 5A. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION. ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION. §5A-1-1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter:

- (1) "Commodities" means supplies, material, equipment, contractual services, and any other articles or things used by or furnished to a department, agency or institution of state government.
- (2) "Contractual services" means telephone, telegraph, electric light and power, water and similar services.
- (3) "Debarment" means the exclusion of a vendor from the right to bid on contracts to sell goods or supply services to the state or its subdivisions for a specified period of time.
- (4) "Director" means the director of the division referred to in the heading of the article in which the word appears.
- (5) "Electronic" means electrical, digital, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, or any other similar technology.
- (6) "Electronic transmission" or "electronically transmitted" means any process of communication not directly involving the physical transfer of paper that is suitable for the retention, retrieval and reproduction of information by the recipient.
- (7) "Expendable commodities" means those commodities which, when used in the ordinary course of business, will become consumed or of no market value within the period of one year or less.
- (8) "Nonprofit workshops" means an establishment: (a) Where any manufacture or handiwork is carried on; (b) which is operated either by a public agency or by a cooperative or by a nonprofit private corporation or nonprofit association, in which no part of the net earnings thereof inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; (c) which is operated for the primary purpose of providing remunerative employment to blind or severely disabled persons who cannot be absorbed into the competitive labor market; and (d) which shall be approved, as evidenced by a certificate of approval, by the State Board of Vocational Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- (9) "Printing" means printing, binding, ruling, lithographing, engraving and other similar services.
- (10) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a read-only tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- (11) "Removable property" means any personal property not permanently affixed to or forming a part of real estate.
- (12) "Request for quotations" means a solicitation for a bid where cost is the primary factor in determining the award.
- (13) "Responsible bidder" means a vendor who has the capability to fully perform the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.
- (14) "Responsive bidder" means a vendor who has submitted a bid which conforms in all material respects to the bid solicitation.
- (15) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Administration.

- (16) "Spending officer" means the executive head of a spending unit, or a person designated by him or her.
- (17) "Spending unit" means a department, agency or institution of the state government for which an appropriation is requested, or to which an appropriation is made by the Legislature.
- (18) "The state and its subdivisions" means the State of West Virginia, every political subdivision thereof, every administrative entity that includes such a subdivision, all municipalities and all county boards of education.
- (19) "Vendor" means any person or entity that is registered with the purchasing division to supply the state or its subdivisions with commodities or services and lessors of real property.